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The communication filed 6/6/2003 is not fully responsive to the communication mailed 5/9/2003 for the reason(s) set forth below.

Regarding applicants comments, the specification, page 1, lines 2-7 (as per the amendment filed 9/8/1999), claims priority to the applications recited in said passage. The language used indicates a claim to priority. There is no claim to priority to 08/589108. If applicant intends to claim priority to 08/589108, then applicant should amend the specification to claim priority to said application and delete reference to the aforementioned applications.

An application in which the benefits of an earlier application are desired must contain a specific reference to the prior application(s) in the first sentence of the specification or in an application data sheet (37 CFR 1.78(a)(2) and (a)(5)).

Applicant needs to either submit a new sequence listing indicating the priority claims disclosed in the specification or amend the specification to indicate the priority claim disclosed in the filed sequence listing.

If a complete reply has not been submitted by the time the shortened statutory period set in the communication mailed 5/09/2003 has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no case may an applicant extend the period for reply beyond the SIX MONTH statutory period.

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